## House Resolution No. 4313

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on July 24, 1957, Richard Jones took the hand of his beautiful bride, LaVonne Nolan, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Vandalia, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Richard and LaVonne Jones have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children and their spouses, Rick and Colleen Jones, Matthew and Gayle Jones, and Stacey and Michael Higgerson; and five grandchildren, Bryan Jones, Nathan Jones, Cameron Jones, Samantha Higgerson, and Colton Higgerson; and

Whereas, now retired, Richard Jones is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a paramedic with the Audrain County Medical Center and the Van-Far Ambulance District; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, LaVonne Jones has further distinguished herself as a retired employee of the Van-Far R-I School District; and

Whereas, Richard and LaVonne Jones derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the First Baptist Church in Vandalia, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, residents of Vandalia, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 24, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Richard and LaVonne Jones for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them many happy and rewarding years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Representative Terry L. Witte District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4313, adopted July 24, 2007.